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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PFOR, LA, CB

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF KHMER TROOPS FROM LAO TERRITORY

REF: PHNOM PENH 6032

1. WE CONCUR IN USE OF AIR AMERICA CONTRACT AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT KHMER TROOPS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM KHONG ISLAND TO PHNOM PENH. WE HAVE TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT WHICH CAN BE UTILIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE ESTIMATE SIX PLANE LOADS WILL BE REQUIRED. KHONG ISLAND STRIP IS SUITABLE FOR C-130 AIRCRAFT, IF WEATHER IS GOOD. IF WEATHER IS POOR ON DAY OF OPERATION, WE COULD BACK-HAUL PASSENGERS TO STRIP FARTHER NORTH AND TAKE THEM FROM THERE BY C-130 TO PHNOM PENH. DEPCH WILL ARRANGE FOR USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT AND COORDINATE WITH USSAG TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED.

2. COMMANDING GENERAL OF 4 TH MILITARY REGION (SOUTCHAI VONGSAVANH) HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED OF IMPENDING REMOVAL OF KHMER TROOPS. I WILL NOTIFY SOUVANNA WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, THAT OPERATION CAN BE CONDUCTED IN NEAR FUTURE. I ANTICIPATE THAT SOUVANNA WOULD LIKE US TO COMPLETE IT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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3. FOR PHNOM PENH: PLEASE NOTIFY US WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO RECEIVE THESE TROOPS BY END OF THIS WEEK AND INDICATE BEST DAY. WE CAN PROCEED WITH THIS OPERATION AS SOON AS YOU ARE READY. WE ARE NOW PLANNING NECESSARY EMBARKATION ARRANGEMENTS, AWAITING YOUR NOTIFICATION.

4. SOUVANNA WILL BE EXTREMELY PLEASED BY REMOVAL OF KHMER TROOPS, WHICH WILL DEFUSE POTENTIALLY EMBARRASSING SITUATION FOR HIM. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY OWN APPRECIATION TO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND OTHER ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR THEIR COOPERATION ON THIS SUBJECT.
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